

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF
The Academic Senate Executive Committee
Tuesday, November 2, 2004
UU220, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Preparatory: The meeting was opened at 3:13 p.m.

- I. Minutes: The minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of October 12, 2004 were approved.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): None.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: (Hannings) The election for the Provost search committee was completed Friday and the winners are: College of Agriculture – James Vilkitis (NRM), Orfalea College of Business – Phillip Fanchon (Economics), College of Engineering – Len Myers (Computer Engineering), College of Liberal Arts – Doug Keesey (English), College of Science and Mathematics – Susan Elrod (Biological Sciences), College of Education – David Duran (Education), and PCS – Barbara Andre (IEP). President Baker has an additional four nominees.
 - B. President's Office: (Howard-Greene) The Campus Administrative Policies ad hoc committee is helping with re review process. The new policies as they come on line, as well as retired CAM policies are available on the web and periodic articles are published on the Cal Poly report in order to keep the campus up-to-date.
 - C. Provost Office: (Detweiler) Enrollment is 175 FTES short of target which means that an additional 450 community college transfer students must be enrolled at mid-year. At this point Cal Poly has attracted 250 prospects, but being so late in the year, if we fall short and have to have a payback to the system, it won't affect anyone's current-year budget. For the 2005-2006 budget we continue to operate from the prospective of the Governor's compact. The trustees recently passed a budget based on the compact including an increase in student fees of 8% for undergraduate and 10% for post-baccalaureate students. We are taking the Governor's word that we will receive funds for 2.5% enrollment gross increase, 3% operating budget increase, primarily going to compensation, and the impact of the 8% student fees, which is an additional 2% at Cal Poly. The Athletics Director search committee expects to bring finalist before the end of the calendar year, the search for a College of Liberal Arts Dean is currently underway, and the Provost search committee is still awaiting final administrative appointments by President Baker.
 - D. Statewide Senators: None.
 - E. CFA Campus President: (Foroohar) the budget was passed by Board of Trustees (15-3) CFA is against the budget for two reasons. First, the compact will delay achieving budget level equal to those from a couple years ago and secondly the budget provides 3.5% for compensation pool, which includes faculty, staff, and administration. Faculty has not received a raise in the last couple of years and real salaries have been sliding because of inflation, therefore compensations should be much higher than 3.5%. On campus level, there has been a lot of complains about the new registration process, especially faculty worried about the extra time needed to learn the system, which adds to their workload.
 - F. ASI Representative: (Cowan) ASI Facilities Survey ended with 4,422 responses, which is about 25% of the students. The final reporting date will be November 18. (Mednick) The Student Community Liaison Committee has endorsed the concept of a citywide safety enhancement zone for Mardi Grass.
 - G. Other: Sue Elrod, Curriculum Committee Chair. Proposals from the College of Liberal Arts have been read and discussed and are considered completed. College of Liberal Arts and College of Architecture and Environmental Design will be ready for the next Academic Senate meeting.
- IV. Consent Agenda: None.

V. Business Items:

- A. **Academic Senate/universitywide committee vacancies 2004-2006:** The following appointments were made:
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| COLLEGE OF BUSINESS | |
| Curriculum Committee | James Sena, IT |
| COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATH | |
| Sustainability Committee | Harvey Greenwald, Mathematics |
| Deans Admission Advisory Committee | Tim Dugan, Theater and Dance |
| Sustainability Advisory Committee | Paul Wack, C&R Planning |
| University Union Advisory Board | Del Dingus, E&S Science |
- B. **Appointment of internal reviewer for Theatre Program review:** M/S/P to appoint Laura Joines-Novotny from Architecture as an internal reviewer for the Theatre Program.
- C. **Appointment of Part time Employees representative to the Academic Senate:** M/S/P to appoint James Valdez as the part time representative to the Academic Senate.
- D. **Resolution on Equitable Scholarly Publishing Practices:** Hannings, Academic Senate Chair. This resolution request that faculty members consider their relationships with Elsevier and other large scale publishers in regard to the continuous increase in subscription charges. It was decided to send this resolution to the Academic Senate Library Committee for their review of content and for advice on the recommended position Cal Poly should take on this matter.
- E. **Resolution on Support of Affordable Textbooks:** Hannings, Academic Senate Chair. This resolution supports the CSU in requesting that college textbook publishers keep the cost of producing textbooks low, faculty members informed of options and their cost, and that a copy of the resolution be forward to the Association of American Publishers, Chancellor Reed, and the California Student Public Interest Research Group (CALPRIG). M/S/P to agendiza the resolution with the substitute third resolve clause:
RESOLVED: that Cal Poly faculty encourage students to retain their textbooks after finishing courses in order to build a library that will serve for reference purposes and as a source of pleasure in future years, which in turn will stem the flow of used books so that publishers will not have to publish revised editions so frequently and will be able to lower new book prices while still earning a good return on investment.
- F. **Approval of 2006/7 Calendar Proposal:** Schaffner, Instruction Committee Chair. The Instruction Committee unanimously chose proposal #4 due to the fact that it provides a longer break between summer and fall 06 as well as between spring and summer 07. These longer breaks ease the burden on housing staff and record staff. M/S/P to recommend calendar proposal #4 with the statement that the Academic Senate Executive Committee will like to see either the observance of Presidents Holiday moved to a Friday or hold Monday classes on the Tuesday following Presidents Holiday.
- G. **Resolution on Establishment of an Institute for Policy Research:** Valenty, Political Science Department. This resolution requests that the Academic Senate endorse the proposal to establish the Institute for Policy Research, which will promote excellence in policy research design and implementation. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- H. **Resolution Re-nominating Professor Kathleen E. Kaiser as CSU Faculty Trustee:** Executive Committee. This resolution re-nominates Professor Kathleen E. Kaiser for the position of CSU Faculty Trustee. M/S/P to approve resolution and forward to the Statewide Academic Senate.

VI. Discussion Item (s): None.

VII. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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